

**Coast Guard, DHS****§ 156.310**

(c) The traditional use of areas for lightering operations;

(d) The normal weather and sea conditions in the areas, and their effect on lightering operations, and the fate of possible cargo discharges;

(e) The depth of water and underwater obstructions that may adversely impact anchorages and clearance of vessels;

(f) Other relevant safety, environmental, or economic data.

### **Subpart C—Lightering Zones and Operational Requirements for the Gulf of Mexico**

SOURCE: CGD 93-081, 60 FR 45017, Aug. 29, 1995, unless otherwise noted.

#### **§ 156.300 Designated lightering zones.**

The following lightering zones are designated in the Gulf of Mexico and are more than 60 miles from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured:

(a) *Southtex—lightering zone*. This lightering zone and the geographic area for this zone are coterminous and consist of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

<i>Latitude N.</i>	<i>Longitude W.</i>
27°40'00",	93°00'00", thence to
27°40'00",	94°35'00", thence to
28°06'30",	94°35'00", thence to
27°21'00",	96°00'00", thence to
26°30'00",	96°00'00", thence to
26°30'00",	93°00'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

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(b) *Gulfmex No. 2—lightering zone*. This lightering zone and the geographic area for this zone are coterminous and consist of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

<i>Latitude N.</i>	<i>Longitude W.</i>
27°53'00",	89°00'00", thence to
27°53'00",	91°30'00", thence to
26°30'00",	91°30'00", thence to
26°30'00",	89°00'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

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(c) *Offshore Pascagoula No. 2—lightering zone*. This lightering zone and the geographic area for this zone are

coterminous and consist of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

<i>Latitude N.</i>	<i>Longitude W.</i>
29°20'00",	87°00'00", thence to
29°12'00",	87°45'00", thence to
28°39'00",	88°00'00", thence to
28°00'00",	88°00'00", thence to
28°00'00",	87°00'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

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(d) *South Sabine Point—lightering zone*. This lightering zone and the geographic area for this zone are coterminous and consist of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

<i>Latitude N.</i>	<i>Longitude W.</i>
28°30'00",	92°38'00", thence to
28°44'00",	93°24'00", thence to
28°33'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°18'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°18'00",	92°38'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

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#### **§ 156.310 Prohibited areas.**

Lightering operations are prohibited within the following areas in the Gulf of Mexico:

(a) *Claypile—prohibited area*. This prohibited area consists of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

<i>Latitude N.</i>	<i>Longitude W.</i>
28°15'00",	94°35'00", thence to
27°40'00",	94°35'00", thence to
27°40'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°33'00",	94°00'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

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(b) *Flower Garden—prohibited area*. This prohibited area consists of the waters bounded by a line connecting the following points beginning at:

<i>Latitude N.</i>	<i>Longitude W.</i>
27°40'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°18'00",	94°00'00", thence to
28°18'00",	92°38'00", thence to
28°30'00",	92°38'00", thence to
28°15'00",	91°30'00", thence to
27°40'00",	91°30'00", and thence to the point of beginning.

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